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To: Interested Parties

### **WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT (WIPP) TRANSPORTATION SERVICES – DRAFT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

This letter hereby requests review and comment from all interested parties of the Draft Request for Proposal (RFP) No. DE-SOL-0009438 pertaining to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Transportation Services procurement. The Draft RFP is being issued for informational purposes to assist the Department of Energy (DOE) in developing a Final RFP for this procurement.

DOE IS NOT REQUESTING PROPOSALS AT THIS TIME, AND INTERESTED PARTIES SHALL NOT SUBMIT PROPOSALS IN RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT RFP. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT NEITHER CONSTITUTES A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL OR INVITATION FOR BID. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS A COMMITMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR ANY PURPOSE.

The WIPP Transportation Services procurement will be conducted as a set-aside for small businesses that do not exceed the small business size standard of \$27.5M (annual receipts) under NAICS code 484230, *Specialized Freight (except used goods) Trucking, Long-Distance*.

DOE hereby invites all interested parties to thoroughly examine the Draft RFP and the accompanying procurement website ([https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/SEB/wipp\\_transportation\\_services/index.php](https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/SEB/wipp_transportation_services/index.php)) in their entirety and to submit comments in writing via the following email address: [WippTransportation@emcbc.doe.gov](mailto:WippTransportation@emcbc.doe.gov). In particular, DOE is seeking feedback from interested parties on the following:

1. Does your company have any input regarding the relative importance of the Evaluation Factors that DOE should consider in making this Contractor selection?
2. Are the Section B Pricing Schedule and Section L pricing proposal instructions clear to potential offerors? If not, what is unclear and how can these sections be improved?
3. Are the Section H clauses clear?
4. Does the Draft RFP and the procurement website contain all of the information needed to reasonably prepare a proposal for the Firm Fixed Price work detailed in Section C and

corresponding attachments/exhibits of the Draft RFP? If not, what additional information (e.g., technical requirements, historical data, etc.) is needed to be able to submit a proposal?

5. Are the page limitations included in Section L of the Draft RFP for the Technical and Management Proposal (Volume II) sufficient? If not, please provide input.
6. Do you have any additional suggestions?

Interested parties will have until June 7, 2016, to submit comments regarding the Draft RFP. All comments shall be submitted in the Microsoft Excel format provided on the procurement website, and separated by RFP section. Please do not make any changes to the Microsoft Excel formatting with the exception of adding rows as needed. DOE will not respond to or post on the procurement website, any verbal or written questions or comments pertaining to the Draft RFP; however, DOE will consider comments when preparing the Final RFP. Interested parties will be given the opportunity to submit questions and comments in writing for DOE response once the Final RFP is issued.

The current Contractors providing WIPP transportation services, as detailed in the Draft RFP, are CAST Specialty Transportation, Inc. (DE-EM0001819) and Visionary Solutions, LLC (DE-EM0001840). After the Final RFP is issued and proposals are received in response to the Final RFP, DOE intends to award one contract on the basis of best value to the Government.

In developing the Final RFP from the Draft RFP, DOE may consider some or all of the comments received from interested parties in response to the Draft RFP.

Sincerely,

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